16. Orissa Textile Mills, Choudwar.

17. Hira Cement Works, Bargarh.

18. Orissa Cement Ltd., Rajganpur.

Indo-Bangladesh Joint Action Plan on Flood Control

2493. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Bangladesh have since drawn up a Joint Action Plan on flood control so that Eastern India and Bangladesh can reduce the devastation from floods during the monsoon this year; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) No Joint Action Plan on Flood Control has been drawn up.

Haldia Petrochemical Project

2494. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1635 given in Rajya Sabha on the 24th November, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the salient features of the I. D. B. I. appraisal of the Haldia Petrochemical Project;

(b) whether the Company has since examined the possibility of implementing the downstream project in the first phase and reported back to Government; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, whether re-examination of the financial and other aspects have been taken up and if so, what stage the matter rests now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) had as a result of its initial appraisal indicated that the size of the ethylene plant which was part of the project was much below the minimum economic size and that there was also a considerable gap in its financing.

(b) The IDBI has reported that the company has not so far submitted its revised proposal.

(c) Does not arise.

Speech of Shahi Imam of Jama Masjid

2495. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the speech made by the Shahi Imam of Jama Masjid, Syed Abdullah Bukhari, during Friday Prayers (24th February, 1989) supporting the Iranian Leader Ayatollah Khomeini's call for the killing of Mr. Salman Rushdie, author of Satanic Verses; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India was the first country to ban the book in line with its policy of secularism and also for maintenance of communal harmony. Home Minister has addressed prominent persons of the community appealing to them for peace.

Any such utterance is most unfortunate and deserves to be condemned.